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Speech Class Gives Comedy

"The Imaginary Invalid," a comedy in three acts, will be presented by the Advanced Speech Class in the Little Theatre on Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21, at 8:15. It is under the direction of Mr. George Mills who is assisted by Miss Ruth Schnoor and Miss Evelyn Crapple.

The play was written in the 17th Century by Moliere who wished to point out to the people that the doctors of that time were making fools out of them. To do this, Moliere invented some characters who were typical, although somewhat exaggerated hypochondriacs and doctors. Argan, the imaginary invalid, does everything contrary to what a sick person should do, and is constantly being made fun of by his servant Toinette and brother Beralde. Toinette often stops playing the role of servant to ridicule him and is chased by him around the room when he forgets he is sick. Beline, his wife, is the only one who he feels is helping him until she overplays her game. His daughters, Angelique and Louison, add to his confusion by making his temper almost reach the boiling point, especially when he discovers that Angelique has a secret lover, Cleante. Then, of course, there are the very dignified doctors, Messrs. Diaforius, and his son Thomas, and Msr. Purgon, who actually know little more about medicine than their patients.

The costumes and setting will be in the style of the 17th Century. Bill Gilbert who is stage manager will be assisted by other members of the Speech Class.

"Cat and Canary" Coming

Due to the hard research work of Hildur Sangren, Bob Heath and Mr. George E. Mills, spooks, cats, and canaries will send chills up and down the students' spines, on April seventeenth in the Little Theatre at 8:00 A.M. "The Cat and the Canary," starring Paulette Goddard, Bob Hope and other stars of lesser importance, is the movie which will put students in this condition. The tickets may be purchased from homeroom officers for the small sum of \$.25 and anyone not able to obtain tickets before the day of the movie may buy them at the door.

Council Candidates Start "Running"

Election time will be rolling around right soon now, and the candidates for president, vice-president, and secretary of the student council, having obtained petitions either from Miss Howery or Mr. Gernant with the needed approval, will be passing their petitions around for the students to sign. These petitions, with the necessary ten per cent of the student body's signatures on them, will be handed in not later than April thirteenth.

From April sixteenth to April twenty-fourth, advertising for the various offices will be placed on the walls. These posters, which will be 15 inches by 24 inches at the largest, may not be placed up with tacks, nails, adhesive tape, or glue, and they also must be approved by the election committee, which consists of Bill Ryan, Glen Mellinger, Pat Fisher, and Bob Kistler.

Voting will be from 9:00 A.M., after the Election Assembly on April twenty-fourth, until 3:45 P.M.; the results will be announced on Wednesday morning, April twenty-fifth. All advertising must be taken down by 8:00 A.M. on this day.

Don't Look Now —

Do you avoid black cats and number thirteen? Do you detour around ladders? Do you have any pet superstitions? If so, the dance sponsored by the Police Force to be held at the Armory is no place for you. Better stay home and stick to your knitting for the date of the dance is Friday the 13th--an ominous sign even to those callous unbelievers in the world of chance and mischance.

This dance will be held in place of the Student Canteen and the admission fee is 45c. Twenty-one door prizes will be given away but who knows?--you of the persuasive personality and pretty pinafore will very likely receive an "Improved Rules for the Football Player" while you of the many muscles and masculine majesty will be presented with "The Golden Road To Girlish Gaiety", if the promise of the date holds true. However, those brazen enough to venture forth in spite of these warnings will do well to mind their P's and Q's and, possibly, make it their lucky day and date.

Snappy Seniors Snatch Honors

Sixty-nine of State High's students won places on the mid-semester honor rolls by winning grades of at least B's in both scholarship and citizenship. Forty of these were girls, while the seniors beat over all classes, placing 24 of their members. The juniors were next with 20 to the freshmen's 12 and the sophomore's 13.

Homeroom 219, the Highlights staff, again won a close battle with the Monitors, 210A, in the homeroom contest. Forty-four per cent of the staff placed to the Monitor's 43 per cent.

Receiving at least 4 A's were these 13: Rose Bingham, Alison Clark, Margery Davis, Tom Hickmott, Gisela Keck, Larry Mayer, Jim Osborne, Ellen Rood, oan Rood, Hildur Sangren, Herb Smith, Margaret Tozer, John Overly, Leisel Kestler, Barbara Fredrick.

The second Honor Roll, at least two A's, consists of:

Henry Berry, Jim Bigelow, Janet Crum, Martha Delano, Pat Fisher, Ronald Frye, Gail Gibb, Dale Griffith, Francis Hamel, Charles Klein, Jim Knauss, Glen Mellinger, Beth Moore, Carol Morris, Ruth Morton, Joanne Ogden, Donald Parsons, Anna Porter, Dave Ritsema Joanne Schrier, Ida Schuhardt, Lois Solomon, Louie Vander Linde, Beverly West, Ann Weber.

The following people received no grade less than a B:

Betty Bahlman, Sally Benton, John Bigelow, Fred Buckham, Jim Carl, Dave Crawford, Shirley Dale, Edith Dean, John Dunn, Betty Frakes, Mary Lou Harvey, Helen Holly, Robert Kistler, Richard Kolloff, Donna Kowalski, Maxine Marr, Nancy McQuigg, Judy Miller, Carolyn Mitchell, Jim mPellowe, Joanne Scougale, Don Sherman, Jim Simonds, Vincent Solomon, Walter Storey, Burt Upjohn, Betty Warren, Marilyn Whaley, Mary Ellen Ward, Lillian Willie.

RED CROSS

The girls of State High "out-dug" the boys during the recent Red Cross drive to the tune of six dollars. The students counted out their pennies to total \$128.70 which, although not reaching the goal, showed definite participation by all. It is good to know that State High dimes and dollars are helping to support such a worthy organization, and the hope is that there will be even more generosity shown in future drives.

Notes and News

From Service Men

Harry Parker stationed in the Philippines writes that he has just been riding water buffaloes lately. He says the fellows go swimming once in awhile, but are working most of the time, and expect to be moved very soon. Maybe he is on this Ryukyu Island Invasion. Who knows?

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Bob Palmatier, former editor of the Highlights, is the first fellow who really enjoys the infantry, even to the marching. He is now at his port of embarkation and doesn't know what is going to happen but hopes for the best.

Bob would appreciate hearing from some of the students, so here is his address.

Pvt. Robert A. Palmatier 26922512
Infantry Company K 3rd. Plat.
A. P. O. 15887
New York, New York.

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Pvt. Duncan Brodie writes home from Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he is now stationed.

"I am on basic training now and I am still on a 36 hour problem, which has given me no sleep so far—I am fagged. We have done so much marching in the last seven days that I have already worn out one pair of shoes. Last night I slept on the ground wrapped in my raincoat, no blankets or anything. I just had the good old terra firma under me."

"Dunc" would like to get mail from the students too. Send your letters to the following address:

Pvt. Duncan Brodie 36921050
Co. B, 19 Bn, Regt. A. R. T. C.
Fort Knox, Kentucky, (U. S. Army).

Eliminate The Negative

Recently students of State High were given a chance to express their opinions of the study halls and the manner in which they are being conducted. Although for the most part the reports showed that students were satisfied with conditions as they are, a minority considered that monitors showed favoritism to a few students.

Naturally it is a credit to a student body to be able to manage its own study halls, so everyone should accept the responsibility of making the monitor system as successful as possible without putting the full load on the monitors' shoulders. Since everyone has had a chance to criticize the monitor system, it's about time for a little criticism of the student body as a whole.

In the first place, every student should co-operate, by not having any poor conduct whatsoever. This, of course, would eliminate the whole problem, but there are always a few who consider themselves privileged characters, so to speak. It is those few who are doing the griping and say they are being picked on, and that other people get away with the same thing. All there is to say about something like this is that if everyone would display a little more co-operation, self-control, and an attitude of desiring fair play, the monitor system would be as wonderful as most people are trying to make it.

Highlights

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Art Achievement Keys and Certificates of merit were awarded by Crowley, Milner, and Company to three State High art students whose paintings won recognition in the Regional Art Exhibition, held at Detroit to select finalists for the National High School Exhibition, Fine Arts Galleries, Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Linden Griffin, Gisella Keck, and Emma Frey, who each received a key in this contest last year, are the artists upon whom this honor has been bestowed. Their paintings will be sent to Pittsburgh where further eliminations will be held. Pictures, winning honors here, will be on display in Madison Square Gardens, N. Y., during which time the twelve national winners will be selected.

School Daze Deluxe

Honestly, that guy is really a reckless flier! He'll break a wing one of these days, yes, and some body else's, too.

What's going on? Why, we're on our way to school the way they'll be doing it in a few centuries from now. What kind of airplanes are we in? My dear chum, airplanes are too cumbersome, we're equipped with our own flying suits-wings, propellers everything. Look at Johnny's old helicopter—all painted up. You'd think it would fall apart-looks like at least 2190 vintage. Ancient relic, you know.

Here we are—isn't it nice the way they've almost got the atmosphere controlled now? Pretty soon we can have school outside all year round. (roll back the roofs, and remove the walls) instead of having to be inside in December and January this is one of ten regional schools located in various parts of the country. Large classes? No, there are a lot of teachers, not that they have much to do, run the moving picture projectors and television. Oh, a little teaching on the side.

Come on, hop on the moving belt. It goes all over the school and you just get on and off at your various classes. You don't get lost that way.

It's history, now. We're studying the Civil war, so our wave-condenser which picks up the sound and light waves that have been floating around the ether for millions of years. Sometimes gives us a picture of the actual scene complete with sound. It has trouble getting the right sound waver, the more recent ones keep crowding out the ancient sounds. Last week when we were trying to get the Gettysburg Address something kept breaking in with, "super suds, super suds. They're the suds with super do ooo ooo.

Some of the other classes are studying history so they're going to Egypt to see the Pyramids. No, no, it's only an hour class, how long d'you think it takes to hop to Egypt anyway? The speech class is taking a few hours off to drop in for a matinee. At the movies? are you kiddin! At the Moscow Theater of Arts of course!

You're getting hungry by now — probably have a pill take the place of a beefsteak smothered in mushrooms and three biscuits with golden butter dripping from them, plus a double hot fudge sundae, oh and a few other things.

Gazing at the Future

April 13—Dance at Armory, sponsored by Police; 45c; Canteen Orchestra; everybody come!

April 17—Council Movie, "The Cat and the Canary," at 8:00 A.M.

April 20, 21—Spring Play, in the Little Theatre at 8:15.

April 24—ELECTION ASSEMBLY

April 27 — Prospective Student's Visitation Day—

Handball Meet Makes Progress

The annual handball tournament is being conducted again this year under the supervision of Coach Bob Quiring. Although handball is not one of the better known sports, it does provide entertainment for some of the State High boys, and is widely known as an excellent conditioning exercise.

The first round games have been played and the boys who survived their first match will clash again, the latter part of this week.

The doubles teams that pulled through the first set are Bill Ryan and Hank Berry, "Stub" Louis and Jack Moss, Glen Mellinger and Dick Morton, and Bob Jones and Chuck Klein. Louis and Moss will meet Klein and Jones, and the winner of that contest will oppose the victor of the Mellinger - Morton vs. Berry - Ryan team for the championship. Bob Jones and Chuck Klein who captured the crown last year are highly favored to walk off with it again, barring an upset.

The boys who have pulled through the first round in the singles are Chuck Klein, Jim Knauss, Bob Jones, Jim Powell, Hank Berry, and Bill Cox. Jones is expected to sweep the singles title, which he also captured last year.

Memos by Moe

State stands to lose many of its sports stars this spring, for we have learned that the "S" Club is planning a visit to Jackson prison. Several of the State High boys are well known as public enemies and the Jackson prison guards will undoubtedly recognize them and increase the time length of their visit. Probably the most desperate fugitive is Bob Burns, who is wanted for stealing two bases last spring against Paw Paw.

Members of State High's Big Seven Champion basketball team were honored at a chicken dinner given recently at the Red Brick Tavern by Mr. John C. Hoekje, College Registrar. In addition to squad members were Mr. and Mrs. Hoekje, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quiring and the honor guest, the Championship trophy. The banquet also marked the first public appearance of Manager Dick Burkhart.

"Question of the Week"

How many games will Fireball Pattison win for the Cubs this season?

Orchids and Onions

Orchids to Dave Auxter, for making the All-City basketball as Co-Captain. Onions to Okun (he loves em!!!!)

Spring Sports

The Cub divot diggers will open their 1945 schedule against Jackson on April 30 at the Arcadia course. Leading the State linksters will be Capt. Bil Gilbert and "Moe" Moss, both returning lettermen, who will form the nucleus of this year's squad. The Cubs lost two fine golfers in Bill Miller and Don Huyer by graduation, but their places will be filled by some promising underclassmen, who have been doing well in practice rounds. Outstanding prospects include Bob Huyser, Jim Amos, Dave Auxter, Larry Mayer, Kent Aach, and Jack Erwin. The Cubs will play their matches at Western's newly acquired Arcadia Course and will be trying to preserve their record of not losing a dual meet since 1941.

GOLF

April 30—Jackson, here.
May 10—Paw Paw, here.
May 17—Jackson, there.
May 23—Paw Paw, here.

TRACK, 1945

Tuesday, April 17—Allegan, there.
Thursday, April 19—Three Rivers, there.
Tuesday, April 24—Paw Paw, there.
Friday, April 27—Hastings, here.
Friday, May 4—Paw Paw, here.
Triangular — Three Rivers, State High.
Friday, May 11—Conference meet, Dowagiac.
Saturday, May 19—Regional Track, here.
Tuesday, May 22—Hastings, there.
Saturday, May 26 — State Meet, Lansing.

Sportlight

Into the spotlight this week steps big Gordon White. Gordy came to State High last year as a freshman, entering from Oshtemo Junior High School. In the seventh and eighth grades he played baseball and football, being captain in both. During his freshman year at State, he went out for football holding down position of center for the Reserve Team, where he distinguished himself as a competent blocker and tackler. The following spring Gordy went out for baseball and proved to be an exceptional catcher and outfielder. Letter won, Gordy was elected captain of the 1945 baseball team. In his Sophomore year, he made 1st string center on the varsity football team, playing in all of the football games. This spring he will be the catcher for State's team. He is also out for track this year, being a shot-put veteran. As hobbies his favorites are hunting and fishing.

Prospects for State High's tennis team appear fairly bright, with three returning lettermen and several outstanding newcomers. Returning lettermen are Capt. "Ike" Barnes, Hank Berry, and Jim Stephenson. These three boys helped win the state championship last year and will be mainstays in the Cub defense of the title. Two frosh, who loom as contenders for positions on the squad, are Rich Cain and Ken Green, both of these boys have been ranked highly by the National Lawn Tennis Association and should prove as good replacements for last years graduates. Other boys trying out for the team include: Glen Mellinger, Stan Veldt, Pete Statler, Bill Tuberty, Jim Mat-
eer, and Bill Lorentz. This year's team, which will be coached by Frank Householder, former Western Michigan College star, and College coach, will open its home schedule April 26 against a strong Elkhart team.

BASEBALL, 1945

Friday, April 13 — Allegan, here.
Friday, April 20—Paw Paw, there.
Tuesday, May 1 — South Haven, there.
Tuesday, May 8—Dowagiac, there.
Friday, May 18—Dowagiac, here.
Friday, May 25 — South Haven, here.
Wednesday, May 30 (Memorial Day) — Allegan, there.
Friday, June 8 — Sturgis, here.

TENNIS

April 18—Lakeview, there.
April 26—Elkhart, here.
May 2—Lakeview, here.
May 5—Dowagiac, here.
May 15—Jackson, there.
May 24—Elkhart, there.

State High Opens Schedule Against Tough Allegan 9

Friday afternoon the Cubs will open their 1945 baseball season against a strong Allegan nine. The State High team will be seeking to equal their record of last year, eight wins in nine starts.

Coach Bob Quiring will probably start the following lineup: Gordie White behind the plate, Dick Klepper on first, Dave Ritsema at second, Jim Powell shortstop, and "Berghoff" Burns at the "hot corner." In the outfield will be "Slug" Rafferty, Jim Ralston and either Bob Kistler or Ralph Miller, depending on who gets the pitching assignment. The mound chores will be divided between Miller and Kistler.

"Did you hear about the awful fright I had at the dance last night?"
"Yes, I was there. I saw her."

— Senn News, Chicago.

"Imaginary Invalid" To Be Given April 20-21



Standing, left to right: Toinette, Beralde, Beline, M essieurs Du Bonnefoi, Purgon, Fleurant, and Diafoirus, Thomas Diafoirus, Angelique, Cleante. Seated: Louison, Argan.

The Nose

Rehearsals are now underway for Speech class's Spring play. One of our prominent seniors, Paul Nibbelink, seems to be having a little trouble in one slightly romantic scene, much to the amusement of the rest of the characters. There are two schools of thought as to why Paul isn't getting much response. Some are of the opinion that he lacks drive. Others are of the firm belief that Mr. Nibbelink lacks experience. Miss Fisher, the romantic lead, tho not altogether co-operative is willing to do anything for art.

Some other incidents of these rehearsals are a bit intriguing. One night after gym class, Mart Delano decided not to change but to go directly to rehearsal. So Mart arrived, barefoot, torn shirt, and levies. Just so you get into the mood of the play, Mappy!

From 219 (rehearsal Room) let us amble down the hall and drop in on State Hi's most trampled on soul, Miss Nina DeKoning, who, we find, is tearing her locks over the rapidly growing confusion of her desk. An odd assortment of lipsticks, compacts, glasses etc. have taken over most of the bottom drawer. Not only a collection of these odds and ends but we are also told that there have also been sweaters and even skirts! Just exactly how could anyone lose a skirt?!

Happy Birthday

- April 1—Vincent Solomon
- April 3—Shirley Beebe
- April 4—Pat Fisher
- April 5—Mary Brodie, Ernest Gibbs
- April 6—Mary Jane McCarthy
- April 7—Grant Eldred, Margot La Crone
- April 8—Jacqueline Winther
- April 10—Dick Barnes, Mary Lou Harvey
- April 11—Betty Frakes
- April 12—Bob Bills, Mary Lou Kline, George Lum, Jack Thomson
- April 13—Marilyn Schutz
- April 14—Sally Benton
- April 15—Jim Stowell
- April 19—Suzanne Hart
- April 21—Thomas Powell
- April 22—Walter Layne, Beverly West
- April 23—Alison Clark, Ronald Frye
- April 24—Jeanne Klimp
- April 26—Amy Lou Brown

Now that the pool has been again opened for State High use, we find our halls are filled with what was once curly, but is now a trifle straight and dripping, hair.

We wonder when someone will invent the perfect bathing cap that will not leak nor, after swimming under water, pop off because of pressure of enclosed air, but one that can be counted on to keep our charming locks bone dry.

Disa and Data

Why is it that every year at this time the manes of girls always straggle? Why is it that every time we change into cottons, the lowest freeze on record puts in an appearance?

Answer--Spring in Michigan.

Joke--(!) As the scientist said to the germ--"Don't bacilli". Pause for a long, long, laugh.

Since it's just after Easter and we are still looking fondly backwards--have you heard the one about "the Easter Bunny traveling by haremail this year because it's the rabbitest way."

Since in Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love there is also one about the honeymoon sandwich. What is it? "Lettuce Alone". Another pause--probably not for guffawing.

Speaking of rain--it was dribbling one day(as usual) and someone remarked it was raining cats and dogs. "Yes", replied a friend, "I just stepped in a poodle." Yes--we know---

Does anyone know why a sentry is like Night and Day? Well, when one comes, the other goes.

Other members of the class seem to be carrying on a heated argument with the student teacher on the principles of that well known(?) Russian, Stanoslavski.